UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO.	
14 U.S.C. § 88(c)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
v.	
ROBERT J. MORAN,	
Defendant.	

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

BACKGROUND

1. The United States Coast Guard is authorized by law to render aid to distressed persons, vessels, and aircraft on and under the high seas, and on and under the waters over which the United States has jurisdiction, and may perform any and all acts necessary to rescue and aid persons, and protect and save property, at any time and at any place at which Coast Guard facilities and personnel are available and can be effectively utilized.

<u>COUNT 1</u> (False Distress Call)

2. On or about June 11, 2006, at Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, within the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ROBERT J. MORAN,

did knowingly and willfully communicate a false distress message to the United States Coast Guard and caused the Coast Guard to attempt to save lives and property when no help was needed, in

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON

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